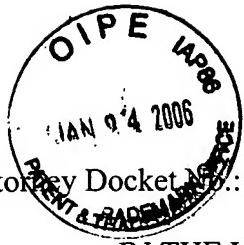


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2006 and the prior Office Action mailed October 20, 2005. Applicant's reply Amendment mailed November 18, 2005 is incorporated herein with the understanding that that Amendment had not been entered for failure to identify an election of species as required.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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